

Havu language

Havu (or **Haavu** or **Kihavu**) is a Bantu language of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is spoken mainly in the Idjwi and Kalehe territories of Sud-Kivu Province, in the east of the DRC.^[4] It is closely related to the Shi language.

The Havu language is also spoken in the city of Goma, north of the island. However, ethnic Havu in Goma are not using the language as much as those on the island of Idjwi.^[5]

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	Havu	<i>Kihavu</i>
Native to	Democratic Republic of Congo	
Region	Sud-Kivu Province	
Native speakers	510,000 (2002) ^[1]	
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ Northeast Bantu ▪ Great Lakes Bantu ▪ Shi–Havu ▪ Havu 	
Language codes		
ISO 639-3	hav	
Glottolog	havu1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/havu1238) ^[2]	
Guthrie code	JD.52 ^[3]	

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